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My idea would be that the superintendent should make a note of all failings as she noticed them, and at the end of some class meeting have motherly, heart-to-heart talks with the girls. Don't pick one or two to scold; assume they are all liable to forget and make mistakes. Hold great and noble women, from all walks of life, before them as examples. They will probably not act as though they paid much heed to you at the time, but deep in their hearts you will have made a lasting impression, to bear fruit in after-years.

Rhode Island.

JEANNETTE GARDNER HEATH.

CIVIL SERVICE AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE

DEAR EDITOR: I have been reading "The Awakening," by Nancy E. Cadmus, in the July JOURNAL, and though I agree with Miss Cadmus about registration and its good results, I am sure she did not take politics into consideration when she wrote the following: "Very few reputable physicians or hospitals are willing to employ any but registered nurses. Those seeking positions on Boards of Health, School Board Nurses, and positions in the great industrial, social, and philanthropic schemes of the day quickly see the necessity of giving proof of their professional status."

The following is an incident that happened in this city very recently:

One thousand dollars was appropriated by the city officials to employ a Board of Health and School Nurse. She was to do tuberculosis work under the Board of Health when not busy with school work, the appointment to be made by the Board of Health, which is composed of three physicians. A Civil Service examination was held. There were four applicants, who were notified that they were eligible to enter the examination. Later the two who stood highest on the list, and who were hospital graduates, and also registered nurses, were disqualified as non-residents, and the third one was appointed, who, much to our surprise and indignation, is not a graduate nurse at all, but a practical nurse, who has been working in a Foundling Home where they give some kind of a diploma after eighteen months. Naturally she knows very little about general nursing, nothing at all about tuberculosis work, school work, district or social work. She told me she had seen a toe amputated once, but said she had had lectures and knew the surgical technique, of course.

It hardly looks like a square deal with the people who are taxed to pay the salary, to say nothing of the patients, or the nurses who have spent years in preparation for this kind of work. But perhaps we should not look for a square deal from physicians, boards of health, or other organizations, if they are under political influence. It looks very much as though civil service were a farce.

S. C. E.

A VACATION IN PLATTE CANON.

DEAR EDITOR: Nestling down among the mountains of Platte Canon is the Blue Jay Inn, the holiday house of the Girl's Friendly Society of Colorado.

As we enter, there swings by the gate in Old World style the painted sign of the "Blue Jay." The wide porch, with its abundance of comfortable chairs and hammocks, invites us to rest awhile. Entering the hall we are charmed with the wide fireplace with the motto over the mantel, "The mountains also shall bring peace," and the clock with its garland of wild roses, and the words of Hood in quaint lettering, "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may," reminding us

that even here "Old time is still a-flying." To the right of the hall is a well-stocked library and a desk where one may write and browse in rest and quietness.

Among the everlasting hills, and with the lullaby of the creek in our ears, this is an ideal place to get one's tired body and nerves in shape for another year of work.

To the gracious House Mother, with her quiet supervision of many things, her keen interest in you and your work, leaving you to your own devices seemingly, yet planning for your comfort and pleasure, making her the ideal hostess, belongs much of the pleasure of your vacation.

It was our privilege to be the guests of the Inn over Sunday, and the morning service at the "Little Chapel among the Hills," with the beautiful service of the Episcopal Church, and the vision of the mountains in the sunlight, and the singing of the birds, is a memory that will linger long with us.

To those who desire to tramp among the mountains there are trails in abundance, and in that clear atmosphere the view, when one reaches the heights, is beyond any description.

To the woman who is a disciple of Izaak Walton there is the fascination of casting for delicious brook trout in the Platte River. All this and more in the way of drives through beautiful mountain scenery may be had on your vacation in Platte Canon.

MABEL C. BRADSHAW.

JOURNALS NEEDED AND ON HAND

DEAR EDITOR: To complete Vol. I of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, the following numbers are needed: vol. i, Nos. 7 and 9. There are also the following duplicates on hand: vol. vi, Nos. 4 to 12; vol. vii, complete; vol. viii, Nos. 1, 2, and 4 to 12; vol. ix, Nos. 1, 2, and 3. These can be exchanged for those necessary to complete vols. i and xii or purchased if desired. Address all communications to Clarence W. Sumner, librarian, University, North Dakota.

STORK DIAPERS

DEAR EDITOR: In answer to the question in regard to Stork sheeting in the September JOURNAL, I would say: Good stork sheeting differs from rubber sheeting in that it does not cause perspiration, which is the great objection in using the ordinary rubber sheeting. Little drawers of Stork sheeting can be bought or made to be worn outside of the diapers and are a great comfort when a baby is held on the lap or when creeping on the floor. The only danger is that a careless person might not take pains to see that the baby is kept dry on account of the extra protection, but if the little one is placed on the chair just as often and has the diapers changed as soon as wet, there is no harm in using the Stork sheeting, even for small infants.

Stork sheeting drawers should not be left on when the baby is put to sleep, and they should always be kept perfectly clean and free from odor. Two pairs should be in use, so they can be washed and aired frequently. B. E., R.N.

AROUND-THE-WORLD LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR: The trip from Japan to Honolulu was uneventful, except for some heavy rollers, left over from a storm which the ships coming the other way had encountered, and the rumor aboard the ship that a man had taken